

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

Supervisor Suprenant called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

PRESENT: Supervisor Suprenant
Councilman Mercier
Councilman Middleton
Councilman Fisher

ABSENT: Councilman Orsini

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian, Brockway, Todd Humiston, Jeannie Mullen, Darlene DeVoe, Bob Beebe, Town Counsel Mary-Ellen Stockwell, Katie DeGroot

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 14, 2017 **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to approve the reports of the Town Clerk Monthly, Town Justice, Building Inspector, Highway, Code Enforcement Officer & Supervisor's Report as submitted **ALL AYES**

The following grant report was submitted by Grant Coordinator Darlene DeVoe for September, 2017:

Grant Coordinator Report for September 2017

Submitted by Darlene DeVoe 9/11/2017

EPA Petroleum Assessment Grant -

We received final approval on the Phase 2 ESA performed on 1099 Burgoyne Ave.

The Phase 1 and 2 that are underway on the Freight House are expected to be complete by September 15th. Grant closeout will follow.

This grant will be finished this year!

* Our request for a debriefing on the FY 2017 Hazardous Substance Assessment Grant application that was not funded was approved and Phil and I are working on coordinating a date quickly. We missed by only a few points so we will take his comments and strengthen the app for FY18 which will be due in November ahead of the Brownfields conference in December which will be in Pittsburgh this time.

We are wrapping up our last approved projects and have begun the grant closeout.

BOA Step 3 –

Project meeting with DOS Project Officer was held as scheduled on 8/24. We went through everything done to date and determined what can be submitted for payment at this time. I am assembling the report and pay request. We have to change the work scope as several tasks regarding the decommissioning plan since the Town was not allowed to participate directly with GE and the EPA on this. We have identified a few areas that could receive additional focus as a result and have submitted the request for consideration. If given the nod, we will put together an amendment to the contract.

I would like to schedule a committee meeting this month to evaluate where WCC is on development and what can be done to assist these efforts. Information regarding outstanding taxes and the potential for the property to be given to the Town is also key to have at this point.

This planning/implementation project is stalled until this information and these issues are addressed. Our contract with DOS expires in March. A No Cost Time Extension Request will need to be submitted in December if we will need more time.

Community Planning –

The Town Master Plan is coming together. At this point 4 sections are now complete: Demographics, Municipal and Inter-Municipal Resources, Educational, Parks and Recreation.

Town Historian Paul McCarty is drafting the Historical section. I am seeking assistance from the Friends of the IBA to contribute to the Scenic and Open Space section also. In progress are Economic Development, Transportation, Land Use, and Agriculture.

I have comments from the Planning Board regarding Land Use and would like thoughts from the Board as well. Although the zoning was recently revised in the north area of the town there have been a few uses identified that the community would prefer be removed from the Route 4 Commercial Corridor. With those minor changes already underway we are focusing on the rural areas of the town.

* Please email me your comments by the end of this month.

Also, for the section on Transportation I would like thoughts from the Highway Superintendent and Board regarding concerns, potential projects and investments. Remember that having priority projects in the Master Plan makes them eligible for potential future grant funding.

Anyone that would like to contribute thoughts or ideas that will positively impact the Town of Fort Edward are highly encouraged to do so this month.

Economic Development Initiatives

I would like the opportunity to discuss potential outreach ideas and incentives that will attract new businesses to Fort Edward. This meeting would be extremely helpful for the purposes of shaping the ED section in the new Master Plan. Perhaps I can piggyback a budget workshop?

Supervisor Suprenant: As you may already know, China Rail fell through which is not good news for the Town, however, we do have another company that may be interested, Bioenergy, and it's a roughly 2 million dollar project but only 30-40 jobs. They were going to Vermont but they kept changing the rules after a lot of money was spent and they are now looking at our site as well as a site in New Hampshire.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to approve payment of Abstract #9 in the amount of \$263,294.83 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #9

GENERAL A – 6824-6826,6829-6845	\$ 7,992.61
GENERAL B- 6846-6847	\$ 583.50
HIGHWAY- 6848-6857	\$225,811.75
MUNICIPAL- 6858-6863	\$ 4,169.38
SPECIAL LIGHTING- 6827,6864	\$ 369.85
SPECIAL WATER- 6828,6865-6867	\$ 440.48
SPECIAL WATER 2- 6868-6869	\$ 5,507.70
BOA 3 – 24-25	\$ 3,140.00
EPA PET. ASSES. 2- 50-51	\$ 5,914.56
HOME 2013 – 15-17	\$ 9,365.00

TOTAL: \$263,294.83

Supervisor Suprenant: The reason the amount is so high this month is due to the purchase of the new roadside mower for the Highway Dept. as well as the paving costs which are reimbursable through the CHIPS money.

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve payment of any Peckham bills that are received before the next meeting so we don't get delayed in receiving the CHIPS money **ALL AYES**

BUSINESS:

-Set a budget workshop

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to set a budget workshop for Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 6:00pm **ALL AYES**

MOTION by Councilman Mercier, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to set a public hearing on the proposed Preliminary 2018 Town Budget on October 10, 2017 at 6:55pm **ALL AYES**

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26 OF 2017

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MERCIER

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FISHER

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Town Board does hereby reappoint Steve Davie as a member of the Town of Fort Edward Board of Assessment Review for a five year term from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2022.

Dated: September 11, 2017

Supervisor Suprenant: AYE
Councilman Fisher – AYE
Councilman Orsini – ABSENT
Councilman Middleton – AYE
Councilman Mercier - AYE

OTHER BUSINESS:

Todd Humiston: Animal injury the other night, we are required to provide minimum care, we need a cap and what is minimal care for these cases. Exit 17 Animal Clinic after hours needs a cap as well as at Countryside during business hours. Can we come up with a letter of understanding to give to both places, to help with making that call if I'm not available?

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Katie DeGroot: Master Plan, you say speak now or hold your comments for the next 5 years. What does that mean?

Darlene DeVoe: Typically Master Plans are 10 year plans but around year 5 start getting talked about to see if we are where we want to be at the halfway point or if we need to make changes and updates.

Katie DeGroot: Greenwich just received a Local Food Local Places Grant; does the Town know about that grant?

Darlene DeVoe: Actually yes, that is where we were in 2008 and essentially that is where Market 32 and the Farmers Market came about. Also, our CARE grant was a holistic approach to the community, not just food. Also, it was a Village Grant so you have to be careful in splitting up the Town and the Village.

Katie DeGroot: Between DeGroot Rd and McDonald Oil is a deer killing zone. Can we get some deer crossing signs in that area?

Brian Brockway: Contact Ian Miller at NYSDOT, their office is on Burgoyne Ave.

Katie DeGroot: I spoke with the people in Fort Miller and they are very interested in holding a workshop meeting down there.

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 7:28pm **ALL AYES**

MOTION by Councilman Mercier, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to come out of executive session at 7:56pm **ALL AYES**

Back in Regular Session:

Resolution #27 of 2017, Terry Tim

Get resolution from mary-ellen

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm **ALL AYES**

DATED: September 12, 2017

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk

